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CURRICULUM VITAE OF SPEAKERS

Olli REHN

**Vice-President of the European Commission
Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs and the
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Date and place of birth: 31 March 1962 at Mikkeli, Finland

Marital status: Married to Merja Rehn; one child (Silva)

Studies

1996 Doctor of Philosophy, University of Oxford in international political economy; D.Phil. thesis: Corporatism and Industrial Competitiveness in Small European States

1989 Master of Soc. Sc. in political science, University of Helsinki

1982-1983 Studies in economics, international relations and journalism at Macalester College, St Paul, Minnesota, USA

Main activities

February 2010 Member of the European Commission responsible for Economic and monetary affairs

November 2004 – February 2010 Member of the European Commission responsible for Enlargement

July - November 2004 Member of the European Commission, responsible for Enterprise and the Information Society

2003-2004 Economic Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister of Finland

2002-2003 Professor and Director of Research, Department of Political Science & Centre for European Studies, University of Helsinki

1998-2002 Head of Cabinet, the European Commission

1995-1996 Member of the European Parliament

1992-1993 Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Finland

1991-1995 Member of the Parliament of Finland

1988-1994 Member of the City Council of Helsinki

1988-1994 Deputy Chairman of the Centre Party of Finland

1987-1989 Chairman of the Centre Youth of Finland

Other

European politics: Vice-President of the Liberal Group in the EP 1995-1995; Chairman of the Finnish Delegation to the Council of Europe 1991-1995; Vice-President of the European Movement of Finland 1996-1998.

Several books and articles. The latest ones on European issues:

Europe's Next Frontiers (Nomos, Baden-Baden 2006) and Suomen eurooppalainen valinta ei ole suhdannepolitiikkaa (WSOY, Helsinki 2006).

Columnist in several newspapers or magazines since 1985.

Language skills: Active: Finnish (mother tongue), English (primary working language), French, Swedish. Passive: German.

Military service: Savon Prikaati & the Reserve Officer School, class 168, 1981-1982. Lieutenant (reserves) in 1990.

Salesman (spare parts; during holidays), Mikkelin Autotarvike 1975-1982.

Chairman of the Football League of Finland 1996-1997.

Associated football since 1968 in several clubs, including FC Mikkelin Palloilijat (youth teams 1968-1978, first team 1979-1982), FC Finnish Parliament (1991-) and CS Eurocommission II (1998-2002).

Special interests: Political economy. Rock and jazz. Reading.

Jörg ASMUSSEN

Member of the ECB's Executive Board



Education

1992 - Master in Business Administration, Bocconi University of Milan (Italy)

1994 - Diploma degree in Economics, University of Bonn (Germany)

Professional career

1994-1996 - Project Manager in the field of European economic, social and labour market policy at the sociological research centre Institut für Sozialforschung und Gesellschaftspolitik GmbH, Cologne

1996-1998 - Desk Officer in the division responsible for international economic and monetary development, the International Monetary Fund and economic summits at the German Federal Ministry of Finance

1998-1999 - Private Secretary to the State Secretary responsible for European policy, monetary and credit issues, and international financial and monetary policy at the German Federal Ministry of Finance

1999-2002 - Head of the Minister's office and Private Secretary to the German Federal Minister of Finance

2002-2003 - Head of the directorate responsible for core issues of European policy and general financial issues relating to European policies at the German Federal Ministry of Finance

2003-2008 - Director General for financial market policy at the German Federal Ministry of Finance

2008-2011 - State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of Finance, responsible for the

Directorates Fiscal Policy and Macroeconomic Affairs, Financial Market Policy and European Policy
Since January 2012 - Member of the Executive Board, European Central Bank

Other posts

Member of the EU Economic and Financial Committee and the Eurogroup Working Group (2008-2011)

Member of the Board of Directors of the European Financial Stability Facility (2010-2011)

Germany's G7 and G20 Finance Deputy (2008-2011)

Member of the Financial Stability Board (2008-2011)

Alternate Governor at the World Bank (2008-2011)

Alternate Governor at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (2008-2011)

Chairman of the General Council of Germany's Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (2008-2011)

Chairman of the Interministerial Steering Committee of Germany's Federal Agency for Financial Market Stabilisation (2008-2011)

Member of the Supervisory Board of Deutsche Telekom AG (2008-2011)

Member of the Supervisory Board of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (2008-2011)

Germany's acting G20 Sherpa (2011)

Chair of the G20 Working Group on the International Monetary System (2011)

World Economic Forum: Member of the Steering Board for the project on the future of the International Monetary System (since 2011)

Member of the Group of Trustees of the Principles for Stable Capital Flows and Fair Debt Restructuring (since 2011)

Poul THOMSEN

**Deputy Director of the IMF's European Department,
IMF's Mission Chief for Greece**



Mr. Thomsen headed the Fund missions that negotiated the current fund arrangements with Iceland, Greece, and Portugal. He is continuing to head the missions to Greece and Portugal, and is also overseeing the work of other country teams, in particular for countries that are using the Fund's financial resources under Stand-By Arrangements, including Portugal, Romania, and Ukraine.

Before assuming his current responsibilities, Mr. Thomsen gained an extensive knowledge of the economic and social problems facing the former socialist countries in Central and Eastern Europe. He was the Fund's Resident Representative in Belgrade from 1990 to 1991; headed Fund missions to Slovenia and the former Yugoslavia Republic of Macedonia from 1992 to 1996; was mission chief for Romania from 1996 to 1998; was head of the IMF's Russia Division from 1998 to 2000; Senior Resident Representative and head of the Fund's Moscow Office from 2001 to 2004; and mission chief for Russia (2004-2010) and Poland (2007-2010).